

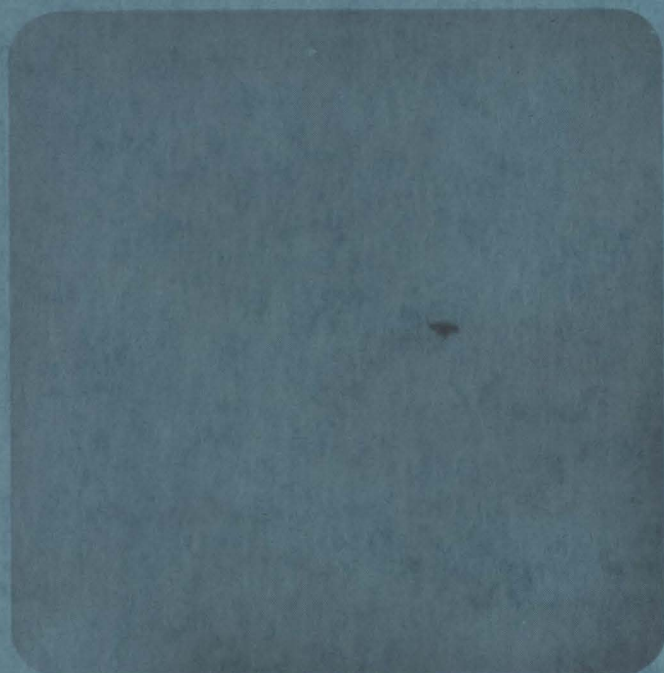


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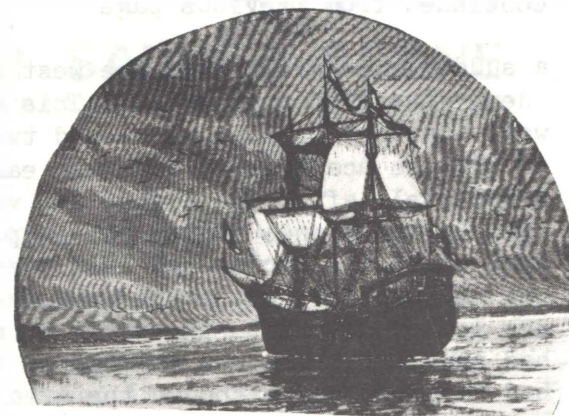
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## THE MYSTERI- OUS



## MARYSBRUGH

## TRIANGLE: CANADA'S OWN

## TRIANGLE OF THE LOST

The Marysburgh Triangle refers to an area that is situated at the eastern end of Lake Ontario with its three anchor points at Wolfe Island, Mexico Bay, and Point Petre. It encloses an area of about 875 square miles, in which more than two thirds of all the shipping disappearances that have taken place in this portion of the Great Lakes have occurred.

An alarming number of these disappearances have been "mysterious", and as such they have led many people to ask the inevitable question, "could this be another Bermuda Triangle???". The answer to this question is as yet unknown, but due to the fact that many ships and/or planes along with their crews have physically vanished off the face of the earth in this area, seems to indicate that it's definitely another triangle.

One such disappearance took place in the year 1900 to the schooner Picton. She had been sailing through the triangle when.....Continued on the next page



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a sudden wind arose from the west and just as suddenly the Picton disappeared. This strange occurrence was witnessed by sailors aboard two ships (the Minnes and the Acadia) that had been east of the Picton. Immediately after the Picton had vanished, the captain of the Minnes sailed his ship directly to the spot where the Picton had last been seen, but there was no trace of her or the crew. The crew of the Minnes looked down into the water to see if the ship had sunk, but there was no sign of her. The Picton had vanished and although the area was thoroughly searched, nothing was ever found that could explain her disappearance.

Another of the many illogical events that have occurred in that area, took place to the schooner Bavaria in 1889; her crew vanished. When rescuers boarded the ship, they found it to be empty except for a small canary. The captain's money and papers were still in his cabin, the crew's personal belongings were still in place, in fact there was even fresh bread in the oven. Since there was no signs of violence and since everything was intact, what could have happened to have caused an entire crew to quietly pause in their work and vanish as if they never existed? Unfortunately, no logical explanations were ever uncovered, so the captain and the crew of the Bavaria just became further statistics along with other people who have disappeared in that area.

The mystery of the Marysbrugh Triangle continues even today, and this time it's not only ships, but aircraft as well. Experts have stated that the legends about the area are due to storms or negligence on the part of the crews, but I feel that when disappearances and mysterious events occur with such alarming frequency, then something strange is definitely going on.

JEFF SILVER

## CANADIAN SAUCER SCENE

A REVIEW OF THE LATEST UFO SIGHTINGS FROM CANADA

### A SUMMER REPORT

(1) June 19th, 1977 - Near Brantford Airport - Brantford, Ontario.

Kevin McIntyre, 22, and Tim Murray, 19, were both sitting outside at about 9:45 pm, when they spotted an oval-shaped craft turning in the sky, 2 miles high. "It looked like a white flare" said McIntyre. "It was sort of floating in the sky and it seemed to be burning there for about five minutes before it started moving directly towards the airport." When about half way there, the UFO began emitting rotating red, green and white lights. A spokesman for the Brantford Airport, said that no record of any unusual aircraft were recorded.

Source: BRANTFORD EXPOSITOR,  
Brantford, Ontario, June 20/77.

(2) May 27, 1977, Milton, Ontario.

Two reported sightings over Milton, from different locations. The first sighting was reported by a 12 year old boy, George Crisc. At about 8:45 pm, George went outside to pick up some glue which he had forgotten. All of a sudden he noticed an orange light hovering over the Canadian Pacific railway tracks. George was frightened at first because he thought it might land. He then called out for his mother, but she didn't answer. He then ran into the house and tried to find a camera and his binoculars but when he returned the object disappeared.

The second sighting took place on the same day but at 10:45. A couple of residents of Milton claimed they sighted an object emitting a green, red and orange revolving around the UFO. They watched the UFO till after midnight with binoculars. Then reported the sighting to police and were soon joined by two police cruisers. Con't on next page.....

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One of the police officers spotted a second object in the vicinity.

NOTE: In a late report we have just discovered that other residents reported sighting these objects.

Source: (1) CHAMPION

Milton, Ontario, June 1/77.

(2) CHAMPION

Milton, Ontario, June 8/77.

(3) ACTION FREE PRESS

Ontario, June 8/77.

(3) July 3, 1977, Bracebridge, Ontario.

Four Bracebridge men say they saw a glowing object between Rainbow Ridge and Bracebridge. One witness James Ketch, told a reporter of the Orillia Packet & Times, "I thought it was a light at the airport, but it was quite a bite bigger than a regular light. There were rays coming out both ways from the light... It turned to a red glow at the end".

Source: ORILLIA PACKET & TIMES

Ontario, July 4th/77.

(4) June 15, 1977, Penticton, British Columbia.

A Mr. Stan Fulton said that he and a friend were standing outside on Van Horne street, in Penticton, when they sighted a triangular shaped object traveling north to south around 11:10 pm. The object was first sighted in the west and was travelling at a very high speed. The entire duration of the incident was about 15 seconds, no sounds could be heard.

NOTE: The control tower at the Penticton airport reported nothing out of the ordinary in the sky that night.

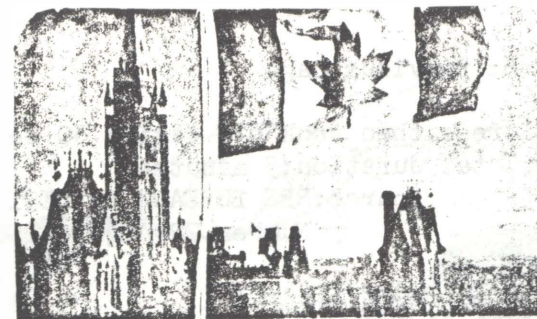
Source: PENTICTON HERALD

Penticton, B.C. June 16/77.

(5) July 10th, 1977, Long Sault, Ontario

A anonymous husband and wife spotted 3 UFOs (about 45 minutes apart) near their home in Long Sault.

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# CANADA

## FACTS ABOUT CANADA

Canada is the second largest country in the world. Approximately 90% of the Canadian population live within 200 miles of Canada's 3,987 mile border with the United States of America. This is because much of the northern part of Canada is an empty wilderness of forest and frozen wasteland.

Canada is an exciting land, rich with natural resources and scenic beauty. Almost all Canadians can trace their ancestry to Europeans. About 44 of every 100 people are of British decent. About 30 of every 100 people are descendants of early French settlers. Today the nations two official languages are English and French. From the western coasts of British Columbia to the eastern coasts of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia to the frozen north to the south borders of the United States, Canada is 3,851,809 square miles.

## PROVINCES (10)

1. Newfoundland
2. Nova Scotia
3. Prince Edward Island
4. New Brunswick
5. Quebec
6. Ontario
7. Manitoba

8. Saskatchewan
9. Alberta
10. British Columbia

## TERRITORIES (2)

- A. Northwest Territories
- B. Yukon

NOTE: Anyone wishing further info contact UFO Canada.



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behind some trees, then took off taking 30 seconds to fly away. Total duration: 5 minutes.

Source: RES BUREAUX BULLETIN

Number 22-August 25, 1977

(9) August 4, 1977. Banff, Alberta

At around 10:20 pm, a teenage girl saw a "large red sparkling mass", descend rapidly and disappear behind a hospital (Banff Mineral Springs Hospital), near Bow river. Being very curious she went around the building and saw the UFO in a treed area. She described it as a "circular machine with a cone shaped top and a wide circular base", flashing white lights covered the top portion of the cone, approximately 4 feet wide, while a ring of red and white flashing lights were evident on the bottom, approximately 10 feet wide. The lights appeared to be revolving, but the UFO remained silent. A hospital desk clerk also recalls seeing flashing lights that evening, according to a report, but the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police), failed to find any traces.

Source: RES BUREAUX BULLETIN

Number 22-August 25, 1977

(10) Prince George, British Columbia, June 19, 1977.

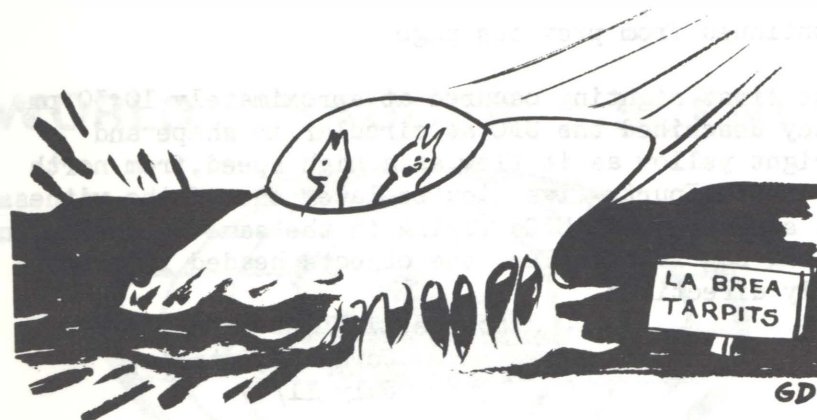
A silver helicopter type craft with no blades or sound, was seen from a house at an approximate altitude of 10,000 feet, but later dropped to 5,000 feet then returned to previous level. The object emitted red, blue, green and orange lights. An RCMP officer who went to investigate the sighting also observed it.

Source: RES BUREAUX BULLETIN

Number 22-August 25, 1977.

Further reports of sightings and follow-ups on reports, will follow in future issues.

Compiled by: Howard Gontovnick



"Well, XTL, it looks like we're stuck on this planet for good!"

## CORRECTIONS

In the last issue of UFO CANADA, there were a couple of errors I would like to straighten out. Firstly, in the section titled QUEBEC-April UFO wave '77 -on page 13 the second of last line should read;

April 17th -St. Hyacinthe, P.Q., Six witnesses... Secondly, in the index of the August issue the page numbers weren't included-sorry but I was in a hurry to get to the printer.

HG

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Information wanted on Canadian mutilation cases. Contact UFO CANADA.

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The first sighting occurred at approximately 10:30 pm. They described the UFO as circular in shape and bright yellow as it flew at a high speed, from north to south. Forty-five minutes later one of the witnesses saw two other UFOs flying in the same direction, in a zig zag fashion. Then the objects headed in a easterly directions.

Source: STANDARD FREEHOLDER  
Cornwall, Ontario,  
July 11/77.

(6) June 5, 1977. Teslin, Yukon

Three men sighted an object between 25 and 35 feet long, on the surface of Loch Teslin in the Yukon. The incident took place around 11 am, when the men spotted a darkish thing moving on the water. The object moved slowly and steadily about 200 to 300 feet away. The duration was about 30 seconds. The object was said to have black spots on it.

Source: WHITEHORSE STAR  
Whitehorse, Yukon, June 8/77

(7) August 11, 1977, Sooke, British Columbia

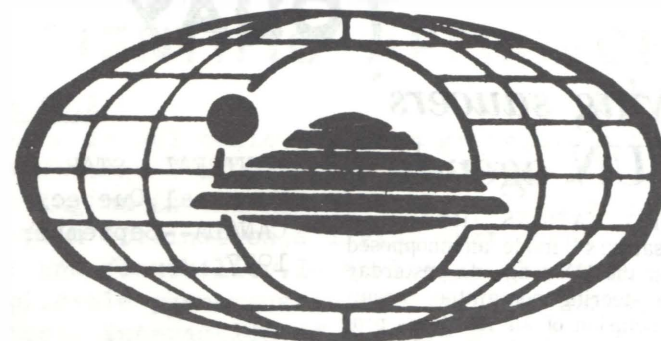
A zeppelin shaped UFO was reported by two women on the night on August 11, at 9:50 pm. The UFO was sighted in a clear sky and was said to have made a humming sound. The witnesses thought they saw red markings on the back of the craft. The UFO then hovered out over the Sooke Basin for a short time, then headed in a westerly direction and disappeared.

Source: RES BUREAUX BULLETIN  
Number 22-August 25/77.

(8) August 6, 1977, Eaglesham, Alberta

An "upsidedown saucer" described as 60 to 100 feet in length and 30 feet in depth, was sighted at 9:30 pm near Eaglesham. The UFO was described as orange & red in colour and "glowed from heat waves". Suddenly it dropped quickly towards the ground, hovered for about 3 minutes..... Continued on next page.....

## WORLD SAUCER SCENE



### RECENT REPORTS FROM POLAND

Warsaw evening paper, 22 May 1977.

Anna Baginska a student of Philology at the University of Lodz, says she saw two BALLS flying in the starry night over Lodz. She saw them from her window, in her flat on the 3rd floor. They flew along the southern part of the sky. The colour of the light which they emanated was changing constantly from white to red, from bright dazzling white to dark red. They moved around and forward as if they were trying to catch each other. After a few moments, they disappeared in the sky. The observation took place late at night.

11 July 1977. Warsaw. A FLYING SAUCER OVER SOCHACZEW? On Monday 11th July in the evening hours, the inhabitants of the vicinity of Sochaczew and Glowno could observe a luminous flying object of unknown origin moving at considerable height in the sky. The UFO was observed at 2049 (8:49pm) in the northern sky, as it glowed intensively while passing through the atmosphere. The object was followed by a smoke trail. It was observed for about 3 and a half minutes.

NOTE: These two reports were sent to UFO CANADA from Alberta UFOlogist John Musgrave-who in turn received them from a correspondent of his in Poland. The correspondent wishes to be anonymous.



# UFOLOGY TODAY

## 'Flying saucers' on UN agenda

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter) — "Flying saucers" made an unopposed landing on the UN's agenda yesterday when the steering committee recommended inclusion of all 126 items proposed for discussion by the General Assembly.

The topic of flying saucers had been suggested some weeks ago by the prime minister of Grenada, Sir Eric Gairy, who wants the UN to set up a special agency or department to deal with research into "unidentified flying objects and related phenomena." The proposal will be debated in the Assembly's special political committee.

MONTREAL STAR  
Montreal, Quebec,  
CANADA--September 23,  
1977.

## Mystery light baffles Soviets

MONTREAL STAR  
Montreal, Quebec,  
CANADA--September 23,  
1977.

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet scientists are baffled by a huge mass of light that flared up Sept. 20 in the skies of Petrozavodsk in Soviet Karelia and "hovered over the city in the form of a jellyfish sending down a multitude of fine beams," Tass reported yesterday.

The phenomenon occurred at about 4 a.m. over the city, which is 220 km from the Soviet-Finnish border, Tass said. "The impression was of a torrential rain of light."

## SEVEN MAXIMS OF UFOS: A SCIENTIFIC APPROACH

### MAXIM NO.2

### PART 3

Seeing is NOT believing. I am grateful to Professor Roy M. Pritchard of McMaster University for first interesting me in the detailed physiology of human eye-brain combination, a living instrument of amazing power and flexibility. In analysing observations of inexplicable phenomena it is essential to understand the basic interaction of the eye and the brain. For example, although there are about 260 million light-sensitive elements in the two eyes, there are only some two million nerve channels for carrying the visual messages back to the brain, which is actually a miniaturized computer of large capacity. Thus, right at the start, a process of selection occurs and the way this operates depends on the number of factors, mostly subjective. When the on-line electrical nerve signals arrive at the brain they are frequently mixed on a subconscious level, with an input from the memory bank of the brain. A good example of this is a trained observer reporting a disk with a number of portholes which represents a resolution greater than is possible with the unaided eye. On the average the eye can resolve an angle of 3.5 minutes of arc, or roughly one-tenth the diameter of the moon. Earlier storage of detail on a similar disk form, seen on a larger scale, may influence a later observational record.

The power of the two eyes to determine distance by true stereoscopic vision is limited to well under a distance of 100 metres, so any estimates of distance much beyond this value must be by analogy and the superposition of one object in front of another. This action is subjective and relies greatly on past experience and a knowledge of the actual size of familiar objects. Continued on next page.....



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In the case of unidentified objects in the sky, observer estimates of distance have practically no value. The same holds for velocities and sizes which are very commonly quoted. The eye can make a crude quantitative estimate of angular velocity, but without any knowledge of the distance or geometry of the path of the object (assuming that in fact a physical object does exist) nothing can be said about linear velocity or absolute size. This brings up another point. One often encounters the statement that the object seen exhibited a metallic reflection and therefore must be, physically, a solid. Various atmospheric phenomena can simulate any kind of surface or lighting condition and it is impossible for the eye, on the basis of the optical image alone, to determine the physical nature of the source. For a full treatment of atmospheric images see Minnaert's book 'The Nature of light and colour in the Open air (1954).

There are many effects to which the perfectly healthy, normal eye is subject, and these have often played an important part in some of the famous UFO incidents. As examples I might mention the after-image, which is related to the better-known persistence of vision; the moving point effect, an autokinetic phenomenon; and the waterfall effect, originally noted by Aristotle. Many eyes have defects such as astigmatism, myopia, hypermetropia, etc., often corrected by glasses. As one approaches the age of 50 years a decrease in the accommodation of the eye inevitably takes place. Unfortunately, in collecting observational data on UFOs, very few investigators seem to have interested themselves in the physical condition of the observer's eyes, or in the straightforward fact as to whether the individual normally wore glasses and whether the observation was made with or without glasses.

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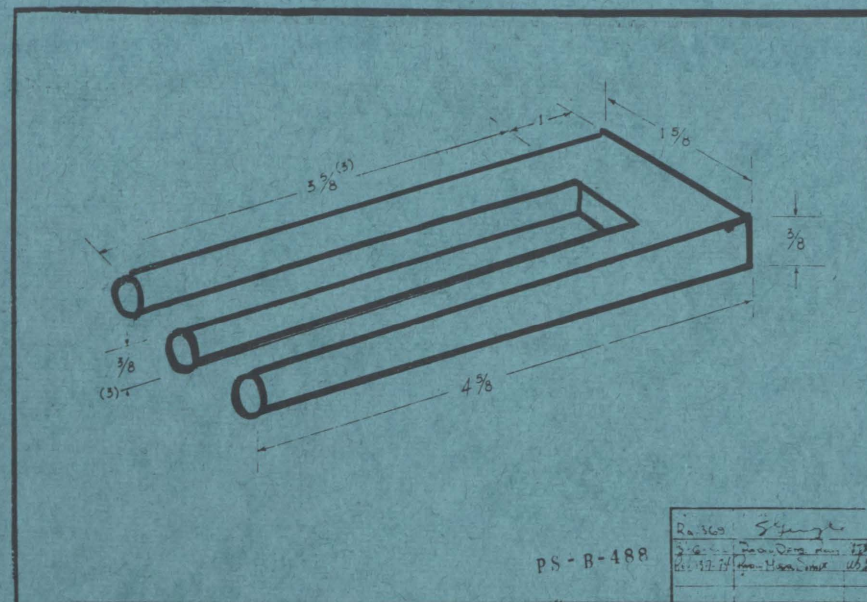


FIG. 1-A shop order for a "three-pronged widget", Radio and Electrical Engineering Division, National Research Council of Canada (NRC).

Detailed physiological and psychological testing has shown that, basically, the eye sees on an emotional level. We see what we need to see, what we expect to see, what we are trying to see, what we are conditioned to see. The human act of seeing seems to be "learned" rather than "instinctive". It takes a new born baby two years to learn to make full use of his two eyes.

Training and experience can produce very different reactions to a given visual image. Figure 1 reproduces a shop order that circulated in our building some time ago. Needless to say it was never satisfactorily filled by the machine shop but it did create quite a bit of amusement and considerable comment. The aborigines in the Amazon jungle, untrained to read engineering drawings, would probably show no particular reaction. However, unlike our machanics, these same aborigines have the ability to detect...

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the slightest movement of a single leaf in their surroundings, as this may indicate enemy danger or possible food, and is a requirement for continuing existence in that part of the world. For more on optical illusions see Tolansky (1964).

Good treatments of visual perception and of the interaction of the eye and the brain will be found in in books by Vernon (1962, 1966) and by Gregory (1966, 1970). These should be required reading for anyone who is going to draw conclusions based on visual data. In my opinion this is the most important area that has been neglected in the past by almost all so-called UFO experts.

NEXT: MAXIM NO. 3 - Instruments Can Deceive.

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